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Strong Argument for Corporation Tax.  
Senator Bourne, of Oregon, who yester-  
day advocated the corporation tax amend-  
ment to the tariff bill, is essentially a  
man of the people. A progressive type of  
statesman, he is, at the same time, con-  
servative.

Absolutely independent in thought and  
action, he has pronounced convictions on  
the pending legislation, and he presents  
them in a logical and convincing manner.  
He does not profess to speak for the  
President, but there is little doubt that  
he more accurately outlines the Presi-  
dent's view of this excise tax than did  
the chairman of the Finance Committee,  
who presented the amendment. It is well  
within reason to believe also that the  
heads of many corporations share fully  
his opinion touching the benefits surely  
to arise out of the publicity feature of  
the measure.

As a mere revenue-raising makeshift,  
as we have said before, the corporation  
tax would have little to commend it, but  
as a step toward a governmental policy  
of supervision and control—made neces-  
sary by twentieth century conditions—this  
legislation is of far-reaching importance  
and destined, we believe, to be for the  
country's general good. It is in this aspect  
of it with which the Oregon Senator deals,  
and his argument is strong and may  
be read with profit.

Health and Happiness.  
The interdependence of health and hap-  
piness has just now some prominent per-  
sonal examples. There is Mr. Harriman,  
who controls 27,000 miles of railway and  
whose enterprises are conspicuous factors  
in the development of agriculture and the  
transporting of supplies of food for mil-  
lions of others. Yet this railway and finan-  
cial magnate suffers from an ailment  
whose effect he pathetically describes as  
resembling slow starvation. The man  
who cannot eat a steak or digest a salad  
cannot enjoy the mere command of  
money; and in the case of a great de-  
veloper of industry, such as Mr. Harri-  
man, there is added the distress of a  
handicap to useful activities. Mr. Rock-  
efeller keeps up his fight against indig-  
estion with cheerfulness and exercise,  
and Mr. Carnegie finds the open air es-  
sential to his maintenance of good spirits.

In these days it is possible that some  
of their fellow-sufferers who live only  
by self-denial would feel a moment's envy  
at the spectacle of a rugged Southern  
negro, in the hot sunshine, enjoying with  
 zest and impunity the red heart of a wa-  
termelon. But poverty also includes dys-  
pepsia among its ills.

Picnics and the Tariff.  
Another incident has been framed up  
against the proposed new tariff bill, and  
against the whole ultra protective theory  
of the tariff, indeed. As usual, the pro-  
test comes from the common people, and  
concerns one of their most ancient and  
honored institutions—the picnic.

It is charged, and with a fine show of  
reason, that the present era of high-  
priced living has all but abolished the  
gay and festive picnic—and, come to  
think of it, picnics do seem to have  
grown scarce—and that any further elu-  
vation of the cost of things will surely  
work its complete and utter undoing.

It is generally agreed that the climax  
of every well-regulated picnic is the  
dinner. There are other things incidental  
to picnics that are pleasant and well  
worth looking after, of course; but, after  
all is said or done, they but lead up  
to, or away from, the "spread," which  
must be on the ground and strictly al-  
fresco. For that zenith of the day's  
delight there should be provided an  
abundance of fried chicken—everybody  
acknowledges that to be Exhibit A—  
stuffed eggs, and lemon tarts. These  
constitute the great trinity of essentials,  
albeit indisputably there are a good  
round dozen of accessories and trimmings  
properly appertaining to the menu, but  
which need not be mentioned herein,  
nevertheless.

But chickens are so high that they are  
to be indulged in by the plain people only  
on the rarest of occasions, and very  
sparingly then. Eggs cannot be had for  
stuffing because they are too precious,  
and before a lemon tart may become a  
lemon tart it must pay tribute to the  
lemon trust, the sugar trust, the flour  
trust, the lard trust, and the spice trust  
—hence, no lemon tarts!

Wherefore, the picnic languishes and  
seems likely to pass into disuse and

probably, ultimate oblivion. The wild-  
woods call in vain for the merry throngs  
that made them ring with laughter and  
song in the yesteryears; the ferns and  
johnny-jumpers that border the brook-  
lets wonder why their charms no more  
attract lighthearted and careless mor-  
tals as once they did; the birds in the  
glens sing their sweetest, and yet no  
joyous picknickers come to their wooing;  
and the redbugs pine away in sorrow  
and become but shadows of their former  
selves!

It is a pathetic picture, and yet we fear  
it is true to life. To the plutocrat that  
hath shall be given, but to the plebeian  
that hath not shall be taken away even  
that which he hath.

#### Feminine Incentives to Industry.

It is a bold man who would undertake  
to give to the members of a "Pro-  
gressive Woman's Suffrage Society" a  
lecture on the merits of the fair  
sex within the allotted time of ten  
minutes. But that is what a mere  
man, and a young man, undertook to do  
in New York. It was perhaps fortunate  
for him that his time was short, for he  
diluted uncomfortably upon what he  
seemed to think were the good old times  
when courtship consisted in the athletic  
swain knocking down his sweetheart and  
carrying her off to preside over the do-  
mestic affairs of his particular cave. He  
did not make it plain how this antique  
form of marriage comported with modern  
woman suffrage, but he drew the inference  
that man is afraid to grant woman  
equal civil liberty—because he thinks she  
will get ahead of him. He concluded  
that man does not want a pacemaker  
in woman, because she would spur him  
on to greater effort than had ever been  
made.

Apparently this youth has yet to learn  
that man's best pacemaker has ever  
been woman. It was the runaway Helen  
who gave Homer a story to write, and it  
is the stay-at-home modern and model  
wife who causes the husband to put  
forth his best efforts to keep her there  
in affectionate and contented helpful-  
ness.

#### Senatorial Hostility to Reform.

That the ruling powers of the Senate  
are a serious handicap upon progressive  
legislation and a thorn in the flesh of any  
President bent upon carrying out a pro-  
gressive policy has been abundantly il-  
lustrated in the history of this session  
of Congress. With Mr. Taft's campaign  
promises concerning tariff revision and  
with the Republican platform on the  
same topic the Finance Committee has  
cynically played ducks and drakes.

The tariff bill as it goes into conference  
will bear faint resemblance to that mea-  
sure of downward revision which was so  
freely talked of on the hustings last fall.  
Whenever attention has been called to  
the pledges of the party and its Presi-  
dential candidate respecting revision,  
Senate leaders have flouted the idea that  
these pledges were at all binding upon  
the National Legislature. The inheritance  
tax provision inserted in the House bill  
at the recommendation of the President  
was stricken out as a piece of radical im-  
pertinence. And now the President's  
corporation tax plan is reported from the  
Finance Committee with assurance from  
its chairman that it is but a temporary  
measure, which will be repealed or mod-  
ified in a few years, and which is favored  
simply because it can be employed to de-  
feat the advocates of an income tax.

The corporation tax could hardly have  
been given a worse introduction to the  
Senate and the country. If the tax is to  
be but a temporary impost, as Mr. Aldrich  
asserts, the project loses all its value as  
a link in the chain of corporate control,  
and Mr. Taft's great purpose would be  
thwarted. It should be considered, as un-  
doubtedly the President intended it should  
be, as a permanent adjunct to our na-  
tional system of taxation, as a perma-  
nent part of a project of corporate regulation.

The hostile spirit with which some of  
the conservatives meet every project for  
curtailing and controlling the privileges  
of corporate wealth, and for equalizing  
the burdens of taxation, must be trying  
to the President, as it is to the progres-  
sive sentiment of the country.

But the President, in this matter, as  
in his demand for an honest revision  
of the tariff, has an overwhelming public  
sentiment at his back, which, if brought  
to bear upon Congress, will produce re-  
sults quite different from those con-  
templated by the ultra conservatives.

#### Mayor Johnson Again Fighting.

Mayor Johnson has another fight on his  
hands in Cleveland as the result of plac-  
arding merchants who are opposed to his  
traction policies. The retail mer-  
chants have adopted resolutions in re-  
ply that have the merit of retaining the  
tone of dignity. But they protest against  
the mayor's threat as an outrage. The  
mayor has little newspaper support. The  
inclination apparently is to prove to him  
calmly that he is in the wrong through  
the dispassionate presentation of facts.  
Mr. Johnson has pleaded in the past that  
the attacks upon him have been bitter  
and personal. But his opponents have  
agreed to conduct at this time a cam-  
paign of argument and education. They  
have recognized the fact that if they  
can get the people on their side, they  
can oppose the traction plans of Mr.  
Johnson with effectiveness, by making  
clear their proposition that street-car  
fares that do not meet expenses are not  
in the end cheap fares for the working-  
men.

Tom Watson says he once read Mil-  
ton's "Paradise Lost" from "kiver to  
kiver"—but never again for Tom! Mr.  
Watson's sticking qualities are general-  
ly conceded, but, plainly enough, there  
may be times when even he is willing to  
acknowledge that he has a sufficiency.

One of the grand old blessings that  
Grand Old Texas never brags about is its  
grand old bull-vee. And yet it is rather  
active in that State nowadays, is it  
not?

"Duty calls a man to church on Sun-  
day, while pleasure urges him to go fish-  
ing," says the Chicago News. And, some-  
how, pleasure always did seem to employ  
a megaphone to make known its sugges-  
tions.

"Just what good does the publication of  
letters like Mrs. Wood's do anybody in  
the world?" inquires the New York Mail.

Well, the gas men get so much for heat-  
ing the metal in the incinerator, the elec-  
tricity dispensers get so much for elec-  
trical energy, the operators get so much  
for setting up the copy, and the paper  
trust gets a trifle for white paper used.  
Beyond that, there is no good accom-  
plished, in all probability.

Senator Tillman need have no suspicion  
that Senator Aldrich sneaked that sneer-  
word into the Carlinian's ten. The Rhode  
Islander probably thinks a course of  
straight protected tea would prove a fine  
antidote for Senator Tillman's old time  
Democratic ailments.

"A woman has divorced her husband  
on account of his devotion to golf," says  
the Chicago Record-Herald. If that is  
the sole reason, we have an idea a stray  
postmaster might be found for the  
poor fellow somewhere.

Senator Heyburn says he will stick to  
his seat "until the tariff is revised satis-  
factorily." Good for the Senator! The  
more strenuously he sticks to his seat,  
the more profoundly impressed will his  
friends—and their name is legion—be.

According to a scientist, "Socrates was  
an indifferent worker because he suf-  
fered from malaria." Xanthippe said it  
was pure, unadulterated laziness; but,  
then, Xanthippe probably was prejudiced.  
Is it not about time for Mr. Thomas  
W. Lawson to advise Messrs. Easy Mark  
and Foolandismoney of Mr. Lawson's  
guaranteed scheme to corner Alirship and  
Aeroplane common?

"Gov. Joe" Brown, of Georgia, says he  
will move forward with the lamp of rea-  
son to light his way," says the Louisi-  
ville Courier-Journal. Said lamp not  
dependent on Standard Oil for its il-  
luminating powers, presumably.

"A San Francisco robber was arrested  
in a restaurant," says the Buffalo Ex-  
press. The officers should have per-  
mitted him to finish his repeat and set-  
tle with the proprietor. Doubtless he would  
have been forced to take a dose of his  
own medicine for once in his life.

If wishes were horses, consumers would  
find a prohibitive tax attached to horses,  
in all probability.

On the eve of prohibition, the Nash-  
ville American announced that "it"—  
whatever, of course, "it" is—will be  
known hereafter in Tennessee as "Bum  
of Glend." A tip, we take it, neverthe-  
less, that will not be lost entirely on the  
rabble.

That London specialist who advises peo-  
ple to walk in the rain probably grew  
weary of waiting for his patients to re-  
turn his umbrellas.

"The Indian woman cooks only one  
meal a day," says a magazine writer. In  
these days of high prices, it is a great  
pity all of us cannot manage to live sat-  
isfactorily on one meal a day.

Mr. Taft "warns" the Republican party;  
Mr. Bryan "warns" the Democratic party.  
Are we about to pass into a view-  
with-alarm era?

It makes no difference what the tariff  
thinkers do or leave undone, the fact re-  
mains that the June bride crop was a  
record breaker.

We love our June and our July, and  
August's a warm member. And weather's  
O. K. in its way—but, oh, you, December!

A Springfield (Mass.) girl announces  
that her graduating gown cost her only  
\$2. And that \$2 investment will loom  
larger and larger in retrospect as she  
grows older, we suspect.

The gourd threatens to become popular  
once more as a drinking cup throughout  
Dixie. One great advantage about drink-  
ing from a gourd is that bystanders can-  
not swear exactly what is in it.

Judge Parker wants to reorganize the  
Democratic party. The trouble with the  
party now, it has more generals than  
privates.

#### ADVICE TO STATESMEN.

Called Reckless.  
From the Providence Journal.  
President Taft has directed his Cabinet officers  
to pare their appropriation estimates to the lowest  
possible figures. But still the spirit of recklessness  
is in the air.

An Unbrotherly Whack.  
From the Philadelphia Public Ledger.  
The Senate, which has been regarded as the most  
dignified deliberative body in the world, has fallen  
to a level of pottering parliamentary trickery,  
in the consideration of large subjects, that would  
not be tolerated in our common council.

Good-natured Laughter.  
From the New York Tribune.  
So long as the United States is guilty of doing  
many things it must expect to be laughed at.

Aid to Senatorial Gayety.  
From the New York Sun.  
We can understand why Mr. Davis empties the  
Senate chamber so thoroughly. He is really good,  
entertaining, low colored waffles.

Least the Senate Forget.  
From the Philadelphia Press.  
The Senate is only one part of a government of  
the people, and that important fact should not  
be forgotten.

Mr. Aldrich Perplexed.  
From the New York Evening Post.  
Senator Aldrich's manner, whatever their por-  
pose, have had the plain result of making a con-  
fused situation still more perplexed.

Daring Public Opinion.  
From the Springfield Republican.  
Senator Aldrich has been daring public opinion  
and earning widespread unpopularity thereby.

Mr. Elkins' Dishabille.  
From the Chicago Evening Post.  
Senator Elkins probably removed his collar just  
as he wouldn't get hot under it when some one  
suggested a cut in the Dingley rates.

Tillman and His Tea.  
From the Petersburg Index-Appal.  
Last week, Mr. Tillman, with brutal  
frankness, characterized as humbugs the  
protection newspapers that asked for  
free paper, at the same time denying  
him the right to buy free shoes and free  
clothes. So far as the epithet is con-  
cerned, Mr. Tillman seems to forget  
that he makes himself liable to the same clas-  
sification when he asks protection for the  
South Carolina tea farm and advocates  
free trade on almost everything else.

Look at Congressional Record.  
From the Philadelphia North American.  
A New York court has refused to order  
T. C. Platt to open his express company  
books for examination. That, however,  
shouldn't embarrass this petitioner. Let  
him read the Congressional Record dur-  
ing Platt's term in the Senate.

#### SAME OLD STORY.

I dreamed I was a millionaire,  
But, alas, when I awoke  
I found myself as usual.  
Just broke, broke, broke!  
—Chicago News.

On the old stones, O woe!  
And this is not a joke.  
I lost my money!  
For I was broke, broke, broke!  
—Boston Herald.

#### A LITTLE NONSENSE.

WE MORTALS,  
To certain heights do we aspire.  
And yet, I guess,  
If we had nothing else, we'd tire  
Of happiness.

If we were not unhappy some-  
times,  
We'd worry more;  
For happiness would soon become  
A dreadful bore.

Where She Started From.  
"Hips, curves, ambonpoint! Everything  
has had to go."  
"Yes; woman is pretty near down to  
the original rib."

Over the Boundary.  
"I see that Serbia is playing baseball  
with modified rules."  
"To suit local conditions, eh? I s'pose  
a hit over into Bulgaria only counts for  
two bases."

Placing the Blame.  
"Consarn such luck!"  
"That ain't really what you mean,  
Peleg."  
"Then what do I mean?"  
"Consarn such management."

The New Fourth.  
Don't hold a cannon in your hand,  
Employ your brain.  
It isn't safe, you'll grant me; and  
I can't save.

Among Women.  
"Why don't you dress sensibly?"  
"Oh, it would seem so foolish."

A Snipe's Way.  
"How can we interest her?"  
"Tell her it's a worthy cause," suggest-  
ed one.

As We Progress.  
"This is a tender old poem."  
"Is it, eh?"  
"But what did the poet mean here  
where he speaks of the children's hour?"  
"Why, I s'pose, under the terms of the  
divorce decree, each parent was entitled  
to have the children at certain hours.  
The judges don't usually draw it so fine,  
though."

#### AMONG THE JOKERS.

Did Not Tarry.  
From the Houston Post.  
"A man can never become great as long as he  
associates with men of less than average intelli-  
gence."  
"That so? Good-by, I must be going!"

Enlightened.  
From the Chicago Tribune.  
"Captain, what time does the boat start?"  
"It starts, madam, when I give the word."  
"Then I'll wait," said the young lady. "I  
thought it started when the engine pulled a  
lever or something. Thank you ever so much."

Fool-kicker's Choice.  
From the Philadelphia Public Ledger.  
The fool-kicker said, and his wife was grim.  
He liked the girls who couldn't swim,  
But of all the guys beneath the stars,  
The rooster of boys looked best to him.

Does One Thing on Time.  
From the Detroit Free Press.  
"Does he ever do anything on time?"  
"Oh, yes. He quits with."

Secret Safe with Her.  
From the Boston Transcript.  
She thought of you saying that a woman can't  
keep a secret. Well, I have a secret I'm keeping  
this very moment, told me by Midge Pelt about  
herself and Mr. Wilson, and nothing on earth  
will induce me to tell it, because it isn't to  
be announced until next month.

Fallings of a Fountain Pen.  
From the Chicago News.  
"Fountain pens," sneered the nagging wife,  
"are made of some husband's."  
"What is the resemblance?" ventured the meek  
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#### PEOPLE AND THINGS.

##### No French Suffragettes.

It is a French woman, Mlle. de Pratz,  
who points out that in her native lan-  
guage there is no such word as "suff-  
ragette"; nor, she opines, are there  
many women in her land who could be  
called truly by that name, if it did  
exist. It is not the belief that she  
desires to amend the French code  
to amend the French code. She  
opens with the words: "Every French  
subject is equal before the law; the ex-  
ceptions are women, children, and idiots."  
She would amend this language so as to  
include the French subjects are equal,  
without distinction of sex. She  
has French history on her side, to  
show that her countrywomen know how  
to assert themselves in times of na-  
tional stress, in deeds of mercy, of pa-  
triotism, and in abnormal instances, as  
in the revolution, of ferocious cruelty.

##### Suppressed Emotion.

One cause of nervous troubles among  
women, according to Rev. Dr. Samuel  
McCombs, of Boston, is the suppression  
of emotion. The strangling of griefs and  
of moral wounds, which women com-  
monly endeavor to keep hidden, and  
never speak even to their dearest friends  
produce all manner of ailments of blood  
and flesh. To carry moral wretchedness  
concealed in the heart for years is to  
invite the inevitable result of a nervous  
catastrophe. The women who suffer in  
silence are advised to confide their trou-  
bles either to a wise minister of religion  
or to a psychologically trained physician.  
This advice is based, plainly, upon the  
interconnection between mind and  
body, which is plainly recognized in the  
most ancient creeds and commandments,  
as well as in the most modern and scien-  
tific conclusions.

##### Abdul Hamid Not Exempt.

It is recognized in law as a primary at-  
tribute of sovereignty that it cannot be  
used in person. But it would appear that,  
with his throne, Abdul Hamid, the  
former Sultan, has lost also this agree-  
able exemption from the pains attached  
to civilized lands to those who violate the  
fiscal obligations incident to life and peo-  
ple. The Sultan, who has been advised  
of a sheriff's writ, or its equivalent, at the  
heels of Abdul, just because he shut up  
a jeweler's shop in Constantinople when  
he had the power to do little things like  
that. This episode of petition for a writ  
of the Western world, because it appears  
that the offense of the jeweler lay in  
selling ornaments to the beauties of  
another harem. If husbands in Christian  
lands of money, who venture to give  
trinkets to ladies of their wives, are  
the possible causes of closing the shops  
of some of our leading jewelers, serious  
troubles are within the range of con-  
jecture.

##### Frivolous Sociological Adventures.

A Paris correspondent has discovered  
an Englishman of family in that city who  
finds the normal life of the French capi-  
tal too monotonous for his adventurous  
British blood. Accordingly, he became  
an "Apache," just for pastime. This ho-  
gish phase of existence was necessarily  
the night time, and his adventures were  
brought him back to the conventional  
ways of dull respectability. It is surmised  
that his little excursion into forbidden  
hours and ways was suggested by read-  
ing a novel whose theme was the adven-  
tures of a group of persons of the highest  
social order, who practiced robbery on  
the side for the benefit of charity. But  
their real object was to escape from free-  
dom. It is supposed, however, that their ex-  
perience was disappointing. They found  
genuine adventure as rare as pearls,  
and their studies of real life revealed  
more sordid distress than romantic crime  
or even temptation in the life of the ur-  
ban submerged.

##### A Municipal Recall.

There is an interesting movement to  
invoke the recall in Haverhill, Mass. The  
effort is directed against the mayor, two  
aldermen, and two members of the school  
committee. The mayor is the first elect-  
ed under a new charter, and has served  
less than six months. A committee of  
twenty is circulating the petition which,  
to be effective, must be signed by at  
least 25 per cent of the vote cast in the  
preceding city election. No charges are  
made, except that "the people are tired  
of the proceedings to date and require  
an annual election of all officials." The  
charter requires only that the petition  
shall contain a general statement of the  
grounds for which the recall is desired.  
The logic of seeking to hold a mayor  
responsible for the existing fact that he is  
not elected annually is difficult to under-  
stand. Opposing politicians should find  
little trouble in procuring so small a per-  
centage of signatures to a petition for al-  
most anything. It looks as though the  
practical operation for good purposes  
of this plan ought to require the formu-  
lation of specific charges against municipal  
officials. The recall ought to be as  
serious a proceeding as an election.

##### School Children and Dentists.

It sounds like a strange statement that  
the bureau of municipal reform in New  
York City is about to put a half million  
dollars in fees in the pockets of dentists.  
The teeth of the children in the public  
schools that bring about new forms of  
municipal paternalism. To get to painful  
statistics, investigation has discovered ex-  
actly 2,818 in 656 children. It is not con-  
sidered to know that the services of newly  
graduated dentists are to be employed to  
remedy these conditions. The experience  
may teach the young dentists, but the  
plan seems hard on the younger patients.  
This may be public economy, but it surely  
is not a humanitarian one. An education  
campaign is also proposed. The thought-  
ful philanthropists also suggest juvenile  
toothbrush parties. This may all be re-  
garded as effort highly commendable and  
worthy of commendation. But the health of  
the rising generation. But here again re-  
appears the importance of intelligent  
home life as a factor in education. It  
seems as if the parents must be at fault  
if it is who should be led to the dental  
clinic. However, it may be hoped that the  
children will not suffer too much tempo-  
rarily and that sounder teeth will lead  
to solid elementary learning.

##### Amiable Academic Controversy.